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THE GLOBE'S DECADENCE.

FROM A SEMI-INDEPENDENT JOURNAL TO A PARTY ORGAN.

More Press Comments on the Deposition—What They Think in New York—The Stock to be Had Cheap.

A newspaper is made up not only of the men who conduct it, but its clients as well, and the latter, though not in control, are an important factor in its make-up, and are entitled to an explanation of important changes in the journal. There is a suppressed questioning beginning to sweep over the province in regard to the recent changes in the Globe. The subscribers wish an explanation, they are entitled to an explanation, in regard to the deposition of Gordon Brown. For it must be remembered that it was the name Brown that did the conjuring, not Globe, and those who are now trying to work the country with the latter without the former, will find the task a hopeless one. The farmers want to know why the old reliable name of Brown has been removed. The Globe has attempted no explanation; but articles in reference to the change, doubtless inspired, have appeared in a number of outside journals. For instance:

It was, of course, a subject for regret that Mr Brown, who for forty years was connected with the Globe, and who for a great portion of that time did a great deal of hard work on it, should have been removed from its editorial oversight, but under the circumstances he could not expect to run counter to the wishes and feelings of a majority of the directors on momentous questions affecting the welfare of the liberal party and retain his position. During the lifetime of his brother it bore the impress of his individual power and will, coupled with similar characteristics which have marked the career of Mr Gordon Brown, but it long ago repudiated the title of an organ, and was not in many essential things recognized as such by the liberal press of Canada, however much they might be in accord with it on many questions which came under discussion. This was more apparent year by year, and had Mr Brown remained and given to the Globe the impress of his individuality in the future as he has done in the past the divergence would have been even more marked. * * * * As for the future political course of the Globe it can have but one, and that we are assured will be in thorough harmony with the great party for whom it works, and with the liberal press throughout the dominion.

From the Belleville Ontario.

Mr Cameron's appointment is sufficient proof that the Globe is to remain in perfect harmony with the political party it has so long and ably supported. This then is the real explanation. The Globe was too independent, and an organ "in thorough harmony" was wanted. Such an explanation will not satisfy the country. The clients of the Globe—many of them subscribers for thirty years—would have accepted with pleasure a further widening of the Globe's independence, but when the movement is the other way, when its independence is narrowed down to the vanishing point, they will not be satisfied. Any one who has been out in the country, even for a day, will have seen that this is the case.

HAWKE RESIGNS.

Mr John T Hawke, who has been a successful news editor of the Globe for some months back, and who acted as managing editor during the interregnum, had a disagreement with "the board" yesterday in the matter of salary and his relations to the new managing editor, and accordingly he will leave to-day. "The board" lead Mr Hawke to believe that he might become editor-in-chief, while all the time they were negociating with others.

MORE PRESS COMMENTS.

From the New York Times, Dec. 27.

The recent change in the management of the Toronto Globe newspaper has caused much more excitement in the bustling little capital of the province of Ontario than the retirement of the editor of any political journal would be apt to cause in the United States. The government of Ontario is in the hands of the liberal or reform party, although the dominion government, under Sir John Macdonald, the premier, is conservative. For many years the Globe has been the chief organ of the Canadian liberals. Started almost forty years ago by George Brown, a stalwart and energetic young Scotchman, it has always been a vigorous and outspoken sheet. George Brown made himself a conspicuous figure in Canadian public lifa, and twice, it is said, he refused a knighthood. He was a man of commanding presence, of strict integrity, and of very respectable talents. When he died, in 1880, from the effect of a pistol-shot wound inflicted by a drunken pressman who had been discharged from the Globe office, his loss was mourned in Canada by men of both political parties. A marble bust, truthfully reproducing the massive head and stern, thoughtful countenance of the dead journalist, was generally surrounded by an admiring and respectful throng in the art rooms during the last industrial exhibition at Toronto. The Globe had, until very recently, no formidable rival among the newspapers of Toronto. Lately, however, Mr. J. Riordon, an Ontario capitalist, established the Mail, a conservative journal, which prints a fair amount of news. When George Brown died the management of the Globe devolved upon his younger brother, who recently, as chairman of the board of directors, put the motion for his own retirement, and then announcing it carried retired with dignity. A number of more or less intelligible reasons connected with the drift of political thought in Canada are given for Mr. Gordon Brown's deposition, but it is probable that the real reason for the action of the directors may be found in the significant statement that the Globe company has not recently been paying dividends.

From the St Catharines Journal (Conservative).

The recent change of management in the Globe office is an event of considerable importance to the country as well as to the reform party. For many years that journal played a most important part in moulding public opinion in Canada, and in securing reforms for the people at a time when "reform" was not a misnomer for political hypocrisy. To the Globe the so-called reformers of to-day are indebted for their existence as a political organization, and the recent enforced retirement of Mr Gordon Brown, who spent the best of his lifetime in making the paper what it is, is another illustration of the truth of the oft-quoted maxim that gratitude finds no place in the breast of the modern politician. Mr Gordon Brown goes out and Mr John Cameron takes his place. "What a fall was there, my countrymen." Mr Brown, with all his faults, was a man of broad views and many sterling virtues. With him politics were but a means to inculcate principles, while with his successor, as judged by his past journalistic record, principles are mere shuttlecocks for political battledores. It may be claimed that the people have nothing to do with the management of a business enterprise in which they are not asked to take stock, and that it is impertinent to pry into the private affairs of your neighbors. This is true, in a general sense; but does not apply to the Globe, inasmuch as that journal has, by a long life of usefulness, become one of the institutions of the land. Besides the transaction is significant of the political interment of that section of the reform party which acknowledged Mackenzie as leader and the Globe as the only organ. First Mackenzie was decapitated, now Brown is deposed. It is the triumph of the Blake faction, and that means that a coterie of political tricksters are to array themselves in the garments of worthier men. Political jackals are not to be feared even when they are arrayed in the skins of dead political lions. Blake is but a figure-head. Behind him are the Mills, the Edgars, the Cameronsa, *et hoc genus omne*, who have made "reform" a bye-word and a reproach, and who care nothing for principle when personal agrandizement is in view.

From the Galt Reformer (Liberal).

The recent changes in the management of the Globe newspaper are receiving no little attention at the hands of the press in the country. Whether voluntary or the reverse, the withdrawal of Mr. Gordon Brown from the helm of the leading Canadian journal, has been received and commented upon by the people and the press very unfavorably. While, of course, the public are not in a position to judge of the causes which led to the retirement or deposition of Mr. Brown from a position which he has held for a quarter of a century or more, Dame Rumor is not idle, and she does not hesitate to hint that the ex-managing director did not receive that treatment from the Globe directors to which his long and faithful services entitled him. Be that as it may, it was certainly a serious undertaking to dispense with such an experienced and eminent journalist as Mr. Gordon Brown is acknowledged to be. The late senator and his brother, whatever faults they may have had, were men of marked individuality, great force of character and intellectual capacity. The man who succeeds to the throne vacated by such intellectual giants as the Browns, has no easy task to perform.

From the Belleville Ontario, (Liberal).

A good deal has been said about the deposition of Mr. Gordon Brown. His retirement from a position which he has filled with marked ability for many years, very reasonably created considerable surprise among all classes, and it is equally reasonable that his action should be viewed in a different light by different parties. It is quite generally admitted, however, that as a journalist Mr Brown has few equals and no superiors in Canada. He has devoted the best years of his life to the Globe, and has had the satisfaction of seeing the paper take front rank among the leading journals of America. His deposition—if the change that has taken place can be called such—may have been dictated by wise counsels, but the future must decide this question.

From the Kingston News.

The recent changes in the editorial management of the Globe mark a complete revolution in the character of that journal, and in the dominant spirit of the opposition. The great exponent of gritism will henceforward become what it has not been in the past, the organ, advocate and apologist of the party to which it has been attached. A more thorough-going free-trader it could not be, nor are the principles of free trade likely to be defended with much more ability in the future than in the past. The expected improvement is to be in the direction of increased harmony and more compact organization, a more advanced and radical stripe of reform or liberal politics, and, it is said, a subserviency to the purposes of a ring of jobbers.

From the Guelph Herald (Conservative).

Gratitude is not one of the characteristics of the grit party in Ontario. The Browns, at the head of the Globe and Alexander Mackenzie on the floor of the house created the party. No sooner had the dark days arrived than the political head of Mr. Mackenzie rolled from the block, only to be followed by the decapitation of Mr. Gordon Brown.

From the Port Hope Guide (Liberal).

Mr. Brown has been a power on the Globe, and a very large majority of the readers of that journal will regret his retirement.

GOLDWIN OUR GOVERNOR-GENERAL

(To the Editor of The World)

SIR: I see a great many reports going the rounds relative to who is to be our next governor-general.

Sir John Macdonald and Sir Richard Cartwright are mentioned as more likely to get the appointment. These gentlemen have no chance. They are partizans and strangers to Mr. Gladstone.

But we have in our midst one who answers all the requirements. He is a prominent English liberal, a personal friend of Mr. Gladstone, a thorough Canadian, non-partizan, and one who has done more for Canada than half the politicians.

Add to all this that he is learned, charitable and generously hospitable, and we have just the man we want.

This man is Goldwin Smith of Toronto, and it is more than probable that if any Canadian gets the appointment he is the man. He would be a credit to our country as governor-general. CANADIAN.

IS IT A SYNDICATE BOOM?

Advance in the "Dook"—Have the Syndicate Got $20,000,000?

The stocks of the Bank of Montreal and of the duke of Manchester's land company have advanced a couple of points within the past day or two, and these facts add color to the rumor that the syndicate have succeeded in raising $20,000,000. The money was got, so it is said, from German bankers through the United States. It is taken up in the shape of stock in the proposed enlarged capital of the syndicate. The Americans who have gone in with the syndicate are to share in the profits of the work. How much truth there is in the story remains to be seen. A despatch from Montreal says the Bank of Montreal has disposed of $5,000,000 in the bonds of the Pacific company. The bears, however, seem to doubt these reports and say they are got up to boom the "dook" and the bonds of the railway.

ANOTHER MAIL DONKEY ENGINE.

To Catch Unwary Advertisers—The "Mail Advertising Agency" Repudiated all Round.

The Mail people have added another donkey engine to their concern, called the "Mail advertising agency." Their first venture was a cheap evening reprint of their morning paper, and though much misdirected effort was spent in making it go, it is still unable to stand. Next the name "Mail" was sold to a job printing establishment. Show people and others were led to think that the way to puffs in the Mail was through orders to its job room. The latest addition is the "Mail advertising agency," a scheme to put not only the advertising of Toronto but the general advertising of the province into the hands of the Mail. They would like to get the whole business under their thumb. Following the example of The World, the Globe and Telegram have repudiated the concern and refused to take advertisements coming from it. The whole thing is a scheme to benefit the Mail and the News at the expense of the other papers and the advertising public. Supposing a man wishes to spend $1000 in advertising and entrusted it to the "Mail agency." The "agency" would give the Mail, News, and their allies the first whack at it at full rates and then the other papers would come in—after "the agency" has shaved the whole $1000 of the inevitable commission. People who wish to advertise can do best by coming right to headquarters. It is time the Mail people became sensible and confined their small stock of energy to their legitimate business. At present the Mail has much effrontery in asking the Globe, the Telegram and The World advertisers to send favors through their office. Perhaps the Mail will next undertake to deliver the other dailies to city subscribers. Or perhaps it will establish a "Mail editorial agency" for the benefit of idealess conservative editors.

More of the Hall Extradition Case.

The court of appeal with Chief Justice Hagarty for Judge Morrison, sat specially yesterday morning to hear the Hall extradition case once more. The whole question argued was whether or not the the merits could be argued, it being contended on one side that the court of appeal have already finally decided the matter, and on the other side that the court of appeal having been divided in opinion on the former occasion (the chief justice and Judge Galt being in favor of extraditing the prisoner, and Judges Burton and Patterson being in favor of discharging him) their judgment is not binding in a matter such as this, which affects the liberty of the subject, and therefore the whole matter is still open. Against this latter contention is the judgment of the common pleas divisional court, which held that the matter was concluded, but an interesting argument in favor of the contention was made by Mr James Bethune, Q.C. Mr Fenton showed cause and the court reserved judgment. It is pretty clear that there is again a difference of opinion among the four judges so that the matter may not be finally decided even now. The court will shortly announce a day on which they will give judgment.

Police Court Pencilings.

In the police court yesterday half a dozen assault cases, of more or less of an aggravating nature, were remanded. John Perry, a coachman, charged with stealing a pair of buckskin gloves from Nicholas Flood Davin, was discharged. John Sullivan was sent for trial on a charge of being implicated in the robbery and assault on Robert Little in Lombard street. Thomas McLean was fined $1 for trespassing on the premises of A. G. Taylor. Jesse Carley, ex-clerk of the western cattle market weigh scales, was charged with embezzling $8.50 of city funds while acting in that capacity. He was held for examination on Jan. 4. John Newton, on a charge of forgery, will be tried to-day. John Kinsen is supposed to be insane and will be medically examined.

A Dilemma.

"Well," said Jones to his wife, "Christmas is past and New Year's day is coming; now, what could I get for the girls that would be useful as well as beautiful? I have been cudgelling my brains for days past but I can't think of anything that would suit them." "I'll tell you," said Mrs Jones, "go straight to Tonkin Bros on Yonge street, and you will find the prettiest, the best and the cheapest furs in town, just the thing for New Year's gifts." "You're right, my dear, give me my wallet and cane and we will call round there at once and get the first pick."

Auction Tax Sale.

Mr E Legg yesterday sold 27 properties at the city hall for arrears of taxes, 21 of them being vacant properties. The amount due on the whole 27 was $1901, all of which was realized by the sale. The mode of sale was by offering the lots by the front-ages thereof, and receiving bids on a descending scale. For instance, a lot on the south side of Dundas street, 78 x 273 feet, with a house, was started at 78 feet, and rapidly bid down to six inches, at which it was knocked down to Mr J A Worrell, he to pay $144 of arrears.

St. John's Ward.

The contest in St. John's ward in the coming election promises to be a lively one. A number of the prominent residents of the ward have brought out Mr. Joseph E. Beatty, a gentleman who comes for election with a good record. His tireless efforts in compelling the board of works to disgorge a sum of $240 overcharges on a sewer built on Elm street has commended him to the electors. Mr. Beatty is an active business man and would make a most energetic representative.

The Lasters Still on Strike.

A despatch received by the secretary of the Wholesale Boot and Shoemakers' association of this city contradicts the statements made in yesterday's papers to the effect that the lasters of Montreal had resumed work. Such is not the case. The lasters have not signed the paper submitted by the employers, and consequently are not at work. The despatch was sent by Elzear Ayotte, the secretary of the Montreal lasters' union, and is consequently reliable.

Capt Malley of the Kansas city (Mo) police force says "We use St Jacobs Oil for bruises, cuts, injuries, etc. incident to police business. I have used it myself with the most beneficial results, and the men are most enthusiastic in their praises of it. I consider the Great German Remedy a truly marvellous substance completely fulfilling its every claim.

COM. TRAVELERS' RALLY.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GATHERING YESTERDAY.

The Association in a Prosperous Condition—Amendments to By-laws—The Dinner at the Queen's Hotel Last Night.

About 150 members attended the opening day of the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' association of Canada at their rooms, Mechanics' institute, yesterday. President W F McMaster was in the chair, and Mr F P Hayes acted as recording secretary for the meeting. The auditors, Jas E Day and W Anderson, were appointed scrutineers for the election of officers. The time allowed for depositing ballot papers closed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, but the result will not be known until 3 o'clock this afternoon. This applies to the officers of Toronto and Hamilton only, the others being elected at the afternoon meeting by motion.

Mr James Sergeant, the secretary read his annual report, of which the following is an epitome:

The result of last year's operations were highly satisfactory. The membership had increased in a marked degree, and the financial condition of the association had improved in a corresponding ratio to the increased membership. There was a net surplus of $60,352.31, being a gain over last year's balance of $22,711.18. The membership showed an increase over last year of 293, the total number now being 2042. The receipts for the year were $224,247.81 and the expenditure $10,636.66, with a balance of $12,711.18 on hand. The insurance scheme adopted at the last annual meeting entitled "Benefits and Bonuses," had been submitted to the dominion parliament in the shape of giving it legal effect. The bill was approved of and passed, with one important exception, in both houses. Under the provisions of this act the board deposited $50,000 with the receiver-general as a guarantee, which seemed to the members the almost absolute safety of the mortuary certificates. The benefits and bonuses should be free from the claims of creditors. Legislation of this nature, it seemed, was beyond the jurisdiction of the federal parliament, but the board had taken steps to obtain the required enactment from the Ontario assembly, and no doubt a bill embodying the principle would be passed during the present session. The scheme of mortuary benefits was an entirely new departure from the beaten paths of life insurance, and the directors had watched its working during the first year with interest with every confidence in its feasibility. The result had amply borne out the large expectations formed of it, although put to the severe test of being charged with the mortality of 1881 as well as 1882. The maximum mortuary benefit has been fixed at $1000. At a meeting of general passenger agents of the railway companies held in Toronto in November last, it was decided to advance the passenger rate for commercial travelers to 2½c per mile, and to withdraw the through commercial and excess tickets. Upon being advised of this change the board took steps to secure modifications, and were successful in so far as to obtain the restoration of the through tickets for excess baggage. The following roads granted privileges to the association:—Quebec Central, Prince Edward Island; Halifax and Cape Breton, Windsor and Annapolis, Western Counties, Bay of Quinte and Desoronto, St John and Maine, Chicago and Grand Trunk, Chicago and Northwestern, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, Minneapolis and St Louis, as well as a number of steamboat lines. At the solicitation of a number of members resident in Winnipeg the directors appointed provisionally a local board and secretary for that city.

In answer to Mr Scarf, Secretary Sergeant said that the association had made representations to the Canada Pacific railway company for the usual privileges, but they had not as yet received any great concession. Mr Sergeant also explained in answer to a question that he had not received any intimation from Winnipeg looking to affiliation with Toronto.

When Treasurer Blain's report was read a lengthy discussion took place as to a difference that had arisen between the auditors and the treasurer. There are some old assets on the treasurer's books which are not and never were on the secretary's books, for which reason the auditors refused to certify to this section of the treasurer's book. It was only a technical matter. It was finally settled by the adoption of a motion ordering the assets in question to be entered upon the secretary's books, a thing that should have been done long ago.

At the afternoon meeting Mr J C Black, first vice-president, presided in the absence of Capt McMaster, who was suffering from a cold. The principal business transacted and discussed were proposals to amend certain by-laws.

Secretary Sergeant moved to amend article 7 of by-law 37, to the effect that Montreal only have one vice-president and four directors instead of two and five as at present; also that Quebec be struck from the list and Winnipeg substituted, with one vice-president and two directors. It was explained that Quebec had long ago forgone its usefulness to the association, not contributing a single member. Both amendments were unanimously passed.

A motion by Mr. Finlayson, amending article 11, clause 53, to the effect that quarterly meetings be substituted for the present monthly meetings, only found six supporters. It was held that although perhaps the monthly meetings were sometimes poorly attended, yet they were a good feature.

Mr. Caldecott's motion to make an important amendment in the mortuary benefit by-law was discussed for over an hour. The clause prescribes that to receive the full mortuary allowance of the association in case of death a member must be a member for "ten consecutive years preceding his death, the year in which the latter occurs to count one year." Mr. Caldecott wanted it changed so as to leave out the word "consecutive" and substitute "For ten or more years." The motion met with little or no favor and was almost unanimously voted down. The following officers were chosen by motion, all of them having served last year:

Montreal—Vice-president, O S Shorey; directors, C McArthur, G A McMaster, S Kemp, C L Shorey.
London—J Gouinlock and J D Pierce directors.
Kingston—M S Sutherland and R W Robertson directors.
Brantford—J Harris and J S Hamilton directors.
Guelph—C Arnold, vice-president; J B Armstrong, director.
Winnipeg—J B Stevenson, 1st vice-president; directors, F H Dorrity and Geo McLean; secretary, M Ball.

The old auditors Jas E Day and W Anderson were re-elected.

A motion by Mr Belcher tendering the sympathy of the association to Mr James Patterson, of Patterson Bros, in his present severe illness was carried unanimously. Mr Patterson was formerly president of the association. Beverley Sergeant was voted $50 for services rendered the secretary as assistant.

Mr McGraw said he hoped the next annual festive gathering of the association would take the form of a conversazione instead of a dinner, so that their wives, sisters and sweethearts could be invited. (Applause).

The matter will be discussed to-day when the meeting convenes at 3 o'clock.

The Annual Dinner.

We can live without love,
What is love but repining;
But where is the man
Who can live without dining.
—*Owen Meredith.*

Nearly 200 gentlemen sat down at four long tables in the capacious dining-room at the Queen's hotel last night at the association's dinner. President W. F. McMaster occupied the chair and Mr. J. C. Black, first vice-president, Mr. J. A. Orr (Hamilton), second vice-president, Mr. E. A. Dally (Hamilton), third vice-president, the vice chairs. Mr. R. J. Wyllie was chairman of the dinner committee. Among the invited guests present were Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. Oliver Mowat, Robert Bell, M.P.P., Collector of Customs Patton, G. M. Rose, president of the board of trade, Ald. Boswell, Ald. Ryan, Ald. Lobb, ex-Ald. Steiner, ex-Ald. J. J. Withrow, ex-Ald. Walker, Col. Otter, Col. Denison, Col. Arthurs, J. J. Allworth, John Cosgrave, John Frankland, R. G. Goss, editor of the Commercial Traveler, and others.

The menu was very choice and did credit to the cuisine of the Queen's, and the tuneful music of Marcicano's string band in the balcony at the head of the room very much helped digestion. About forty letters of regret at non-attendance were read from prominent gentlemen in different parts of the United States and Canada; also a congratulatory telegram from "400 commercial travelers dining simultaneously in the Windsor hotel, Montreal." The toast list was interspersed with several songs by Mr Doward, Mr Egan and Harry Bligh.

The first two toasts, "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales," were drank with enthusiasm, and "The President of the United States" was responded to by Col Arthurs.

The toast of the "Army, Navy and the Volunteers" was responded to by Cols Denison and Otter and Capt Stoneman of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton. Col Denison paid tribute to the deeds of the English army and navy of England in Egypt, commanded by the gallant and brave Wolseley. Military greatness always went with commercial greatness, and the most powerful commercial nation in the world was also the most powerful military nation. (Applause.) Col Otter said some of the best non-commissioned officers and men in his regiment were commercial travelers. Capt Stoneman recited The Charge of the Light Brigade with effect.

"The Ladies" were gallantly toasted by Mr Hugh Blain and Mr Alex Pirie of the Evening Telegram, and Mr Mutton recited "Young Lochnavar."

"The Parliament of Canada and the Ontario Legislature" met with responses from Hon Edward Blake, Hon Mr Mowat, and Mr Robt Bell, M P P. Mr Blake was liberally cheered when he arose to speak. There was, he said, a similarity between public men and commercial travelers. Only on Wednesday night the speaker had been down at Bowmanville exhibiting his "wares." The public, however, sometimes said that too many "notions" were exhibited by public men and not enough of the staple article. (Loud applause) The hongentleman wound up his speech with a description of the humorous side of a commercial traveler's life, and related the story of Tom Smart the commercial traveler of the Pickwick Papers. Mr Mowat spoke of the importance of up-holding the interests of our province, and said that as there was a portion of territory in dispute, and as it had been said that he was going to march up to it and take possession in her majesty's name, he could not do better than to enlist in his corps the commercial gentlemen of military fame of whom Col Otter had spoken. (Applause). Mr Robt Bell thanked the company for the toast on behalf of the legislature of Ontario.

The balance of the toasts were honored in brief speeches by the following gentlemen: "The Commercial and Manufacturing industries of Canada," W G Reid of Hamilton, G M Rose, John Cosgrave, J J Withrow and Ald Peter Ryan. "The Railway and Steamboat interests of the Continent," by Ald Lobb and G F Frankland. "Our Guests," by Mr Symons and Collector Patton. "The Commercial Travelers' association of Canada and kindred associations," proposed by Mr Patton and responded to by Capt McMaster. "The Mayor and Corporation" by Ald Boswell, and "The Press" by E P Roden.

FRENCH AFFAIRS.

Gambetta's Wound—An Operation Necessary—DeBrazza's Expedition.

TOULON, Dec. 28.—A transport has sailed with 750 soldiers and civilians for Tonquin.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The fact that Gambetta has an abscess is established. Four physicians to-day made an examination for the purpose of ascertaining whether it can be lanced so as to permit of an external discharge. The Temps says Gambetta's ailment is inflammation of the cellular tissue enclosing the cealum of the intestine. Such inflammations result in phlegmon, which, unless it resolves naturally, will necessitate the piercing of the abscess.

The chamber of deputies almost unanimously adopted a credit for DeBrazza's expedition.

Another consultation will take place on Saturday. The Prince of Wales has again made inquiries with regard to Gambetta's condition, hoping that he may be speedily restored to health.

The senate adopted the ordinary and extraordinary budget and voted 25,000,000 francs to meet the cost of the occupation of Tunis.

Midnight—Gambetta's condition is unchanged. It is reported that an operation will be performed on Saturday.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

United Ireland to the Front Again—A Persecuted Juror.

CORK, Dec 28—O'Brien, editor of United Ireland, will contest the seat in parliament for Mallow, vacated by Johnson. The government has taken precautions to secure the safety of Banks, the foreman of the jury which convicted Poff and Barrett of murder. United Ireland, issued to-day for the first time since its seizure, has a cartoon depicting the lord lieutenant and the crown officers drinking long life to the inquisition. It inquires whether it is to stimulate outrage that the government exasperates the people by prosecuting everybody the people trust.

LONDON, Dec. 28—Davitt to-night addressed a meeting at Limehouse, London, on the political condition of Ireland. A resolution was carried declaring that self-government and the resumption of the land for the people were the only means of restoring peace in Ireland.

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
TORONTO, December 29, 1 a.m.

Lakes and St Lawrence: Increasing west to south winds; fair weather; higher temperature.

SIR HUGH ALLAN'S WILL.

Ten Millions Divided Among the Family—No Public Bequests.

MONTREAL, Dec 28—Sir Hugh Allan's will was filed to-day. His estate is divided equally among his own family. His eight daughters receive $150,000 each on attaining majority, during their minority to receive an annual allowance of $1500, the married daughters to receive the interest on their portions from the present until the estate is finally wound up, and that will occur when the youngest son attains his majority. Hugh Montague and Bryce J Allan will be made partners in the firm now as their portion. Alexander R Allan gets $50,000, and a deed of the property he lives on in Brockville. Hugh Montague Allan is made heir of Ravenscrag with $400 per week to keep it up in its present condition and style. At the settlement of the estate Hugh Montague gets one-half, Bryce James one-fourth, and Arthur Edward one-fourth of the net residue. None of the ships are to be sold to pay the legacies, the amount to come out of the residue. Testator directs the firm to be carried on as at present. The trustees are Andrew Allan, brother of Sir Hugh, Jackson Rae, Thomas Milburn, Alfred H White, two of his sons are to be added when they attain their majority. The trustees are left $100 per annum for their trouble. There is no reliable data for the amount of the assets, which is estimated all the way from six to ten millions. The will was made on June 25, 1880, with a codicil in the October following. Provision was also made for Lady Allan had she survived.

THE SUICIDAL MANIA.

The Record of Three Suicides—Death by the Fatal Leap—by Gas—and by Drowning.

OTTAWA, Dec 28—This morning about eight o'clock a man named Mike Healy was observed rushing wildly over Dufferin bridge. When near the western approach he deliberately put his hands on the railing and vaulted over, falling a distance of about thirty feet. The suicide was witnessed by several persons who immediately summoned medical assistance, but the unfortunate man received fatal injuries, and two hours later passed away to join the silent majority. It was not considered necessary to hold an inquest, as the deceased had led a most dissipated life, and it is supposed he was delirious from drink when he committed the rash act. He was fifty years of age, and it is said was an educated man and at one time held a responsible position.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 28—Isaac Batten, aged 50, went to a room in his hotel, stopped all the crevices in the windows and transom with strips of handkerchief, placed his coat at the bottom of the door, turned the gas on, closed off the draught in the stove, and lay down on the floor where he suffocated. He left a letter to his sister saying he had suffered five years with his throat and had no desire to live.

TRENTON, N J, Dec 28—Wm and Jacob Rusk, who stabbed an officer in Philadelphia and committed suicide here, tied their hands and feet securely with a clothes-line, and after tying themselves to the other jumped from the bridge into the water. The men are said to have been hard characters.

Major Scott's Release.

QUEBEC, Dec 28—The following memorandum has been transmitted to the deputy adjutant-general of No. 7 district, and by him read to Major Scott in the presence of his commanding officer:—"That on the 16th of October, 1882, the major-general commanding made application for authority to convene a general courtmartial for the investigation of Major Scott's case; that since the 16th of October, 1882, the matter has rested in the hands of the minister of militia; that on the 22nd December, 1882, the major-general commanding received instructions from the minister of militia to release Major Scott from arrest; that Major Scott, 8th battalion, in obedience to such instructions is hereby released from arrest and permitted to return to duty. Signed, R G Luard, major-general, commanding militia."

Canada Benefitting at the Cost of the U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec 28—The postmaster general has addressed a communication to the chairman of the senate appropriations committee calling attention to the fact that the growers of seeds and bulbs in the States along the Canada border forward their goods to Canada and have them sent through the mails to persons in the United States, thus obtaining the benefits of the cheaper Canada postage rates on such matter. The postmaster general favors a reduction in the rate on seeds.

Jewish Persecution Renewed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28—Complaints with regard to the treatment of Jews are again appearing in the newspapers. It is stated that the railway companies are ordered to discharge Jewish employees. The prefect of St Petersburg has ordered no indulgence to be shown the Jews residing in the capital without official leave. The senate has also decided that no court can authorize the transfer of land to the Jews.

Contemplated Duel.

PARIS, Dec 28—During the debate in the chamber of deputies, Gaillard, yesterday, on the Tunis credits, accused the Republican Francaise of stockjobbing the campaign in favor of the Tunisian loan. Thompson, the member for Constantine, Algeria, declared this an untruth. The seconds of Gaillard have been sent to Thompson.

Reduction of Wages.

ST LOUIS, Dec 28—The strike at the Laclede rolling mills has terminated, the men going to work at the prices fixed by the owners. The Vulcan iron and steel works have reduced wages 10 to 33 per cent. The men intimated their willingness to accept.

Oscar Wild Swindled.

NEW YORK, Dec 28—Capt Williams has verified the story that Oscar Wilde was "taken in" by banco steerers to the extent of $1000. Wilde however realized he was swindled in time to stop the payment of his check.

Mace v. Sullivan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28—Harry Brown, a sporting man, will wager $5000 that Sullivan cannot knock out or stop Mace in four rounds.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at	From
Dec 28	Canada	London	New York
Dec 28	State of Indiana	New York	Glasgow
Dec 28	Istrian	Liverpool	.....
Dec 29	Lake Champlain	Liverpool	.....

CHIMNEY CATASTROPHE.

THIRTY-SIX PERSONS KILLED IN BRADFORD, ENGLAND.

Fifty Others Injured—Mills Shut Down—The Shaft Falls Upon a Factory full of Operatives.

BRADFORD, Eng, Dec 28—To-day a tall chimney fell upon a building full of operatives. Many are believed to have been killed. One hundred and twenty-two were removed, of whom two are dead.

LATER—Thirty-six persons are now known to have been killed by the chimney accident to-day. Fifty others were injured, mostly women and children. Owing to the amount of debris, the exact number killed cannot be learned for several days. The damage is estimated at over £60,000. Three thousand persons are out of employment, eight mills, having flue connections with the demolished chimney, being brought to a standstill.

FLOODS IN EUROPE.

Rising of the Rhine—Twenty Persons Drowned.

BERLIN, Dec 28—The Rhine and its tributaries from Lake Constance to Cologne continues to rise rapidly. Many bridges and dams are destroyed. The bridge near Lorrach, Baden, gave way and twenty persons were drowned. The River Inn overflowed its banks at Passau and the Danube overflowed in upper Austria.

The floods in Baden have reached a higher point than that of November. The River Neckar is now at the highest point known in this century. The Rhine dam is expected to be swept away. The Moselle river steamers have ceased running. The bridge of boats of Coblentz has been removed to Carlsruhe. Travel from Paris to Vienna is interrupted. The railway between Kehl and Kark is submerged.

A panic prevails at Neuweid owing to the floods.

GENEVA, Dec. 23.—St. Ursuline and several towns in the valley of Doubs are inundated and the railway seriously damaged.

RAILWAY NOTES.

The Banner Year for Rail Laying—Double Tracking the Grand Trunk.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—It is estimated that 11,000 miles of railroad track was laid during 1882 on 316 lines in 44 states and territories. This is 1500 more than the construction in 1881, the banner year up to that time. The highest number of miles constructed in a single state was 953, in Iowa; Texas is next, 817; New York third, 752 miles. Of the above lines 140 are still incomplete. The capital invested during the year is estimated at $270,000,000, exclusive of sums each expended in the preparation of road beds on which the track has not yet been laid.

ALBANY, Dec. 28—The New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad reports the earnings for the year ending September 4 $20,756 428; the charges against earnings $19 589,786.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28—The Grand Trunk proposes to lay a double line of rails between this city and Kingston, to be completed next fall.

AMERICAN NEWS.

At Fort Barrington, Ga., five colored persons were drowned by the ferry boat capsizing.

The reign of terror continues in Chicago. Highway robbery is an almost hourly occurrence after nightfall.

A scientific commission is about to establish an observatory to fix the longitude of Valparaiso by means of a telegraph between Buenos Ayres and Callao.

George Welles Perkins, president of the Mercantile national bank, who died at New York yesterday, aged 29, was the youngest bank president in the city.

A memorial protesting against the passage of any bankrupt acts, signed by 120 firms and individuals of New York city, representing all the principal branches of business was presented to the U. S. senate yesterday.

The governor has ordered the death warrant to be issued for the execution of Uriah Mayer, at Harrisburg, Pa., on February 26, for the murder of Mrs Kintzler and her husband. Ellinger, sentenced to death for the same crime, suicided by poison, and J Mayer has already been executed.

Society at Newcastle, Pa, is in a ferment over an information lodged against General McComb, by Thos E Barnes, charging him with attempting forcibly to violate Barnes' wife. McComb is the oldest member of the Lawrence county bar and a politician well known all over the state and has always borne a high character. Accused emphatically denies the charge, and claims it is a case of blackmail. The hearing takes place next Wednesday.

CABLE NEWS.

Cardinal Newman has recovered.

The statement that England will appoint a minister to the vatican is authoritatively contradicted at Rome.

The construction of a railway across Australia from Brisbane to Point Darwan has been decided upon.

Adjutant Baron Von Winterfeldt, aide-de-camp to the emperor of Germany, shot himself at Berlin yesterday.

Gladstone has a slight attack of lumbago owing to a chill consequent upon exposure while felling a tree on Tuesday. He was much improved last night.

Yesterday morning a tall chtmney fell upon a building full of operative at Bradford. Many are believed to have been killed. One hundred and twenty-two were removed, of whom two are dead.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A number of leading and influential citizens of St. Thomas have waited upon General Manager Ledyard, of the Michigan Central, to see what they could do in the way of retaining the Canada Southern offices there. There was nothing of immediate consequence as the outgrowth of the meeting.

Mr. M. H. Gault, M.P., had a favorable return last night, and is considered by his medical advisers to be out of immediate danger.

A Cabman Killed.

KINGSTON, Dec 28—This afternoon Henry Coyle, a cab driver, while crossing the railway track at the Grand Trunk depot fell, and before he could regain his feet the up express ran over him, cutting off both his legs. He died in the evening.